

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1925, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, as amended.

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2745–S2890*

**Measures Introduced:** One hundred thirty-eight bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2370–2507, S. Res. 440–446, and S. Con. Res. 42–43. **Pages S2821–24**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2375, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–163)

S. 2465, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. (S. Rept. No. 112–164)

H.R. 1016, to measure the progress of relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

S. Res. 401, expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals who represent the United States around the globe.

S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria. **Page S2819**

#### Measures Passed:

**Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act:** By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate passed S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, after withdrawing the committee-reported substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S2745–57, S2761–99**

#### Adopted:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2093, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2772–89, S2798**

#### Rejected:

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 84), Klobuchar Amendment No. 2094 (to Amendment No. 2093),

to provide Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S2795–96**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 85), Cornyn Amendment No. 2086 (to Amendment No. 2093), to amend title 18 of the United States Code and other provisions of law to strengthen provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and improve justice for crime victims. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

**Pages S2789–92, S2796–97**

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 86), Hutchison Amendment No. 2095 (to Amendment No. 2093), in the nature of a substitute. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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**Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building”. **Page S2885**

**Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**John J. Cook Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the “Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the “Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office”. **Page S2885**

**Tomball Veterans Post Office:** Senate passed H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the “Tomball Veterans Post Office”. **Page S2886**

**William T. Trant Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the “Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building:** Senate passed H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”. **Page S2886**

**Public Service Recognition Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 419, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition week. **Page S2886**

**National Youth Traffic Safety Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 441, expressing support for the

designation of May 2012 as National Youth Traffic Safety Month. **Page S2887**

**Arbor Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 442, celebrating the 140th anniversary of Arbor Day. **Page S2887**

**Honoring the Life of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, honoring the life and legacy of Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman. **Page S2887**

**National Physical Education and Sport Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2012, as “National Physical Education and Sport Week”. **Pages S2887–88**

**Silver Star Service Banner Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 445, expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2012, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S2888**

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S2888**

#### Measures Considered:

**Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans. **Pages S2799–S2807**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 26, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 p.m., on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. **Page S2799**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2799**

**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, April 26, 2012 through Monday, May 7, 2012, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S2888**

**Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions,

committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma session only, with no business conducted, on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 30, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday May 3, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, May 3, 2012, until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 43, which will be the adjournment resolution, and if the Senate has received such message, the Senate adjourn until Monday, May 7, 2012, at 2 p.m., under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43.

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**Nguyen, Baker, and Lee Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012, Senate will begin consideration of the following nominations: Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Kristine Gerhard Baker, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and John Z. Lee, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; and that no further motions be in order.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 83), Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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David Campos Guaderrama, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

James Timberlake, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Judith D. Singer, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

Bonnie L. Bassler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Hirokazu Yoshikawa, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

David James Chard, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2012.

Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2018.

Deborah S. Delisle, of South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
 12 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
 19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2807–09**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sean Sullivan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2015.

Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, and Public Health Service. **Pages S2888–90**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2013, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 2011.

Matthew J. Bryza, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan (Recess Appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 26, 2011.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S2816**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2812–16**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2840–84**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2885**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2885**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—87) **Pages S2761, S2796–97, S2799**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, at 7:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 (Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 43, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.) (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2888.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2012".

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 2375) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013; and

An original bill (S. 2465) making appropriations for Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen H. Hicks, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, and Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Marine Corps acquisition programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,894 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine legislative proposals in the Department of Housing and